

Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watson

Watt  
Waxman  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)

Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—33

Brown (OH)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Cantor  
Capps  
Carson  
Clay  
Cramer  
Cubin  
Davis (FL)  
Diaz-Balart, M.

Doolittle  
Ford  
Frank (MA)  
Green (WI)  
Gutierrez  
Hinchey  
Jones (OH)  
Kaptur  
Larsen (WA)  
Moran (VA)  
Murtha  
Oliver

Oxley  
Reyes  
Schwartz (PA)  
Simmons  
Sweeney  
Taylor (NC)  
Tierney  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Weiner  
Wexler

□ 1908

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 479, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GALLEGLY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 479, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 395, nays 0, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 611]

## YEAS—395

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baker  
Baldwin  
Barrett (SC)  
Barrow  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Bass  
Bean  
Beauprez  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert

Bonilla  
Bonner  
Bono  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (SC)  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cannon  
Capito  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carter  
Case  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chandler  
Chocola  
Cleaver  
Clyburn

Coble  
Cole (OK)  
Conaway  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis (TN)  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle  
Drake

Dreier  
Duncan  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
English (PA)  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Farr  
Fattah  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Finler  
Fitzpatrick (PA)  
Flake  
Foley  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fossella  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gibbons  
Gillmor  
Gingrey  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Granger  
Graves  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutknecht  
Hall  
Harman  
Harris  
Hart  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hensarling  
Henger  
Hereth  
Higgins  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hooley  
Hostettler  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inglis (SC)  
Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
Jindal  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Kanjorski  
Keller  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MN)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee  
Kipatrick (MI)  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Kline  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe

Kucinich  
Kuhl (NY)  
LaHood  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Mack  
Maloney  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markley  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McCaul (TX)  
McCollum (MN)  
McCotter  
McCrery  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHenry  
McHugh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
McMorris  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meeks (NY)  
Melancon  
Menendez  
Mica  
Michaud  
Millender  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Murphy  
Musgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Neugebauer  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nunes  
Nussle  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Ortiz  
Osborne  
Otter  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pearce  
Pelosi  
Pence  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Platts  
Poe  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Price (GA)

Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Putnam  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Renzi  
Reynolds  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Sabó  
Salazar  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sanders  
Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schwarz (MI)  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Sodrel  
Solis  
Souder  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Tancredo  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Towns  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)

Wolf  
Woolsey

Wu  
Wynn

Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—37

Boehner  
Boyd  
Brown (OH)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Cantor  
Capps  
Carson  
Clay  
Cramer  
Cubin  
Davis (FL)

Diaz-Balart, M.  
Doolittle  
Ford  
Frank (MA)  
Gilchrest  
Green (WI)  
Gutierrez  
Hinchey  
Jones (OH)  
Kaptur  
Larsen (WA)  
Meek (FL)  
Moran (VA)

Murtha  
Oliver  
Oxley  
Reyes  
Schwartz (PA)  
Simmons  
Sweeney  
Taylor (NC)  
Tierney  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Weiner  
Wexler

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1924

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 due to official business in my district. Had I been present, the RECORD would reflect that I would have voted:

H. Res. 438—Urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East, “yea.”

H. Res. 535—Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death “yea.”

H. Res. 479 as amended—Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary “yea.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes and would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 609—“yea.”

Rollcall No. 610—“yea.”

Rollcall No. 611—“yea.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes 609, 610 and 611.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4340, UNITED STATES-BAHRAIN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a

privileged report (Rept. No. 109-328) on the resolution (H. Res. 583) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4340) to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 581) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 581

*Resolved*, That the Senate be informed that Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 582) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 582

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4312

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4312.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### DISCUSSION OF SITUATION IN IRAQ

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to associate myself with the reasonable presentation and offering of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), who has allowed this Nation to debate a very important issue of redeploying our troops.

Mr. Speaker, as I join him in his excellent leadership, I would offer to my

colleagues the thought of engaging American diplomacy and providing an international coalition to provide the support and security for Iraq, to convene a summit of Arab nations to ensure that our Arab allies are involved in the security of Iraq, to stop the redeployment of American troops for multiple tours of duty, to have the allocation of resources and attention to cover the 15,000 injured soldiers and proceed for their medical and educational services, and to establish a special memorial for those who have come home from Iraq and those who have lost their lives on the frontlines of Iraq, and then to provide this Nation with a comprehensive exit strategy to redeploy our troops.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday I stood with disabled veterans in Houston. They join me in this request. I look forward to this debate.

□ 1930

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### GUN VIOLENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is December 7. Many people remember it as Pearl Harbor Day. I remember it as the day that I lost my husband and my son was hurt. The members of our community will always remember the Long Island Massacre. It is at that point in my life that I decided to devote it to try to reduce gun violence in this country.

On November 29, we lost Dillon Stewart to gun violence. Dillon Stewart was a New York City police officer and a constituent of mine. He was killed in the line of duty by a convicted criminal with a stolen gun that had been used in another crime earlier this year. This gun was stolen from Florida, a State with much weaker gun laws than New York. While Congress no longer allows the ATF to disclose data gathered when tracing weapons used in crimes, older data reveals most guns used in crimes in New York come from out of State dealers. I agree with my Republican mayor of New York when he says we need to pass tougher Federal gun laws.

But while more and more police officers are killed by gun violence, Congress seems intent on making their jobs more difficult. For a variety of reasons, our Nation's police departments are understaffed and overworked. For example, New York City is losing 1,000 police officers per year. The State of Ohio has the same amount of

State troopers that it did in 1970. Oregon has let go 20 percent of its State troopers. Part of the problem is that State and local government budget cuts have caused many departments to lay off police officers. And many police officers are also reservists in our armed services. Since September 11, 2001, over 4,000 police officers have been called to service in Iraq and Afghanistan. And to make matters worse, the COPS program that has helped put well over 100,000 police officers on the street is cut nearly every year.

Our police officers are working longer hours with more responsibility, but what have we in Congress done? Congress has let the assault weapons ban expire, allowing street gangs and other criminals to legally buy cheaper and more lethal weapons. Congress has given the gun industry unprecedented immunity from liability lawsuits. Congress will not allow the Centers for Disease Control to reveal how much gun violence costs our health care system every single year. Congress will not even ban the sale of guns to individuals on terrorist watch lists. And we have done nothing to fix the hole in the national instant background check system that allows many convicted felons to buy guns with no questions asked. In half of our States, less than 60 percent of felons are entered into NICS databases. This has resulted in thousands of convicted felons being able to walk into a gun store and make a purchase. Many honest gun sellers may be selling guns to murderers, rapists or even terrorists with no way of knowing. The system put in place to protect us is failing and police officers are being forced to work even harder.

I have introduced legislation, the NICS Improvement and Enforcement Act, to stop felons from buying guns. The NICS database is only as good as the information that the States provide, so my bill would require that States enter all disqualifying information into the NICS system. And since so many of our States are experiencing budget problems, my bill would give grants to States to ensure they comply. This legislation would prevent gun violence without infringing on second amendment rights. This bill passed the House in 2002 via voice vote, but time ran out in the 107th Congress before the other body could consider the matter. But the bill had the support of several Members of Congress who are well known for their support of gun rights.

Mr. Speaker, our police officers are already overburdened. With a simple voice vote, we can help them out by making sure felons aren't able to buy guns. We owe it to Dillon Stewart and the rest of the brave men and women who have lost their lives protecting their communities.

Let's bring up H.R. 1415 and pass it as quickly as possible. This bill will save lives and relieve the already heavy burden placed on our police officers. I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to listen to their fellow Republican, Mayor Bloomberg, and start